GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:708
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2000
INFILTRATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite various measures taken by the Government, infiltration into India by illegal immigrants including militants from the neighbouring countries is increasing;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any precise estimate of such infiltrators;

(c) whether these illegal immigrants are creating several social and economic problems in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the effective steps being taken by the Government to deal with the problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI L.K. ADVANI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.708 FOR 16.5.2000 REGAR INFILTRATION

(a): There is no information available to indicate that infiltration into India by illegal immigrants is increasing.

(b): It is difficult to make a realistic estimate of the number of infiltrators because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(c): Illegal infiltration can and does lead to various problems related to internal security and also creates several socio-economic difficulties.

(d): Various measures have been taken to prevent infiltration. These include, inter alia, construction of border roads/border fencing, raising of additional battalions of the Border Security Force, reducing gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling on land as well as in riverine and coastal areas, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipment and night vision devices to the troops posted at the border and flood lighting in the sensitive stretches on the Indo-Pak border. Standing instructions have been issued to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport foreigners staying illegally. Several diplomatic initiatives have also been taken. The situation is monitored on a regular basis.